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From: jim appodaca [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 02, 2010 5:32 PM
To: Echohawk, Larry
Subject: Tejon Indian tribe

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Dear Mr. Echo Hawk,

I am writing you in hope of getting a response from someone, if not yourself, from your office. My last conversation was with Paul Tsosie 10 days ago, at which time he told me there was a meeting scheduled for 3/29 to discuss our federal recognition. He told me he would be back in contact with me on 3/31 to inform me of the outcome of that meeting.

At this point I don't know whether the meeting took place, or if there has been any further developments with our recognition. I have left messages for Mr. Tsosie since 3/31 and have yet to get a response.

Sir, I cannot begin to tell you the anger and frustration I feel with this process. In my last correspondence to you I reviewed what we have done to prove ourselves throughout this process. From where I sit it feels as if our voice is falling on deaf ears. Our family members continue to struggle, especially our elders who I know will reap the benefit of federal recognition immediately with health care.

Again if you would just look at the facts you can see we have met and still meet the criteria to be a federally recognized tribe. I am hoping that you can assure me that we will be given that recognition and a time frame that it will happen.

I look forward to your response.

Respectfully,

Jim Appodaca
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